



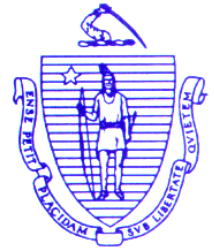
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### **Public Comment Sought on 2016 Winter I Commercial Scup Limits**

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Under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch 30A and pursuant to the authority found in M.G.L. Ch. 130 §§ 17A & 80 and 322 CMR §§ 6.28(9)(d) & 7.01(7), the Division of Marine Fisheries (*Marine Fisheries*) is accepting comment on the following proposal:

- 1. Establish the 2016 Winter I (January 1 – April 30) commercial scup trip limit at 50,000 pounds per trip.**

This action will complement the federal commercial scup trip limit during the Winter I period, as established by the National Marine Fisheries Service through specification ([Federal Register Notice](#)). Therefore, permitted commercial fishermen will be authorized to possess and land lawfully caught scup in Massachusetts.

Written public comments on this proposal will be received until 5PM on Tuesday, December 8, 2015. These comments may be submitted to the Director by e-mail to [marine.fish@state.ma.us](mailto:marine.fish@state.ma.us) or by post sent to 251 Causeway Street, Suite 400, Boston, MA 02114.

The Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission will vote to adopt these proposed specifications at their December 10, 2015 business meeting. If approved, the Director's Declaration will be published in a local newspaper, the Massachusetts Register, distributed via the *Marine Fisheries* Listserve and posted on the *Marine Fisheries* website.

**For more information regarding the management of scup in Massachusetts, please visit our website ([www.mass.gov/marinefisheries](http://www.mass.gov/marinefisheries)) or call the Division of Marine Fisheries at 617-626-1520.**